

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from November 2003

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,571

Current number of adults: 56,914

Current number of children: 138,868

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,042

Closures in September:

total closures: 4,062

closures for 18 month time limits: 129

closures for sanctions: 558

work-related sanctions: 548

other sanctions: 10

closures for employment: 1,143

Time limit closures since Families First started: 8,681

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,969

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$653.48

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$170.12

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.